**Position:** Seasonal Animal Caretaker  
**Location:** San Antonio, TX  
**Website:** www.wildlife-rescue.org  
**Apply to:** WRRapplication@wildlife-rescue.org  
**Job Type:** Part-time, April – August

**History:** Established in 1977, Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation (WRR) receives over 10,000 wild animals per year for rehabilitation and release as well as providing permanent sanctuary for more than 600 resident non-releasable indigenous wildlife, non-native wildlife (large mammals, primates, reptiles and birds) and farmed animals. Wildlife Rescue is located on 212 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, near Austin and San Antonio.

**Description:** Seasonal Animal Caretakers will be responsible for daily feeding, enclosure cleaning and maintenance, behavioral observations and enrichment activities for a wide variety of Texas native avian, mammal, and reptile species. These animals include, but are not limited to, opossums, songbirds, doves, deer, waterfowl, turtles and tortoises. The number and variety of species with whom a caretaker will work depends on the individual caretaker’s prior experience and skill level. This position is intense and involves substantial physical labor in all types of outdoor conditions. One can expect to work up to 32 hours per week, and hours will include day and evening shifts, weekends and holidays. This position involves substantial animal care responsibilities, triage and care of new arrival patients, administrative duties (record keeping and telephone work), and fieldwork involving rescues, releases and transportation of animals. Seasonal Animal Caretakers are also expected to engage in public interaction and education through hotline shifts and working with volunteers and apprentices.

**Primary Position Duties and Responsibilities**

**Essential Duties of the Job:**

- Complete Animal Caretaking shifts at the San Antonio location, upholding the high standards of care required
- Feed and water the animals (feeding via hand, syringe, tube, scatter method, etc.)
- Maintain all animal enclosures and crates in a sanitary and enriched state
- Monitor behavior and maintenance of detailed patient records
- Facility and enclosure maintenance and landscaping
- Assist with directing and instructing volunteers, apprentices and interns
- Maintain facility cleanliness and sanitation
- Administer medications and maintain medical observation records as required
- Perform other duties as assigned

**Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- **Communication:** Ability to communicate clearly and effectively via oral or written means. Ability to document daily observations reports, medical logs etc.
• **Composure:** Ability to remain calm and maintain self-control in the midst of difficult circumstances and emergencies. Ability to respond in a professional manner in all situations and have a high level of integrity. Desired candidates are mature individuals with the ability to handle physically and emotionally stressful situations, a demanding workload, long hours, and to work independently or as a team

• **Decision Making:** Ability to set work priorities and to evaluate and create solutions to work related problems

• **Organization:** Ability to keep various on-going projects organized. Requires good time management practices and the ability to meet multiple deadlines

• **Dependability:** Dependable and willing to learn and do what is needed so that the animals are given the best quality of life possible, whether that is in the wild or in our sanctuary

• **Technical:** Working knowledge of animal husbandry and rehabilitation

• **Computer:** Working knowledge MS Office; Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook

**Requirements:**

• **Education:** A bachelor's degree is required, zoology or other animal-related field preferred

• **Experience:** Prior rehabilitation and animal care experience, with preference given to experience with native, Texas wildlife species. Must be able to lift and carry 50lbs

• **Attendance:** Must maintain regular and acceptable attendance at such level as is determined in the employer's sole discretion

• **Vaccinations:** Current Meningitis and Tetanus vaccinations are required

• **License:** Valid Driver’s License with good driving record required. Must be able to lift 50lbs

• **Technology:** Proficient knowledge of MS Office, Word, Excel etc.; Strong Math skills, 10 key by touch and proof reading. In addition, the ability to conduct data entry into online databases

**Compensation:**

$11.00/hour. Candidates selected for interview will be requested to provide references. Position open until filled.

*Persons interested in applying for this position should send a cover letter & resume (email preferred):*

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